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SUBJECT: GOR POSITION ON PAN-AFRICAN PEACE FORCE

REF: KIGALI 879 (NOTAL)

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN NSEKALIJE JUNE 28, I LEARNED THAT GOR HAD REFINED ITS POSITION ON PEACE FORCE PROPOSAL SOMEWHAT, IN ANTICIPATION OF DISCUSSIONS AT KHARTOUM OAU SUMMIT NEXT MONTH.

2. NSEKALIJE REPEATED GENERALLY NEGATIVE POSITION GIVEN ME BY ACTING FONMIN THREE WEEKS AGO (REFTEL). HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT RWANDA MIGHT GO ALONG WITH ESTABLISHING SUCH A FORCE (A) IF IT WERE DIRECTLY AND EXCLUSIVELY LINKED TO OAU, AND (B) IF ITS PRIMARY MISSION WERE TO SUPPORT AFRICAN "LIBERATION" EFFORTS.

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3. NSEKALIJE ALSO SAID PRES. HABYARIMANA WAS VERY PROVOKED WITH SEVERAL FRANCOPHONE COLLEAGUES, ESPECAILLY SENHOR, OVER WAY IN WHICH PEACE FORCE HAD BEEN HANDLED FOLLOWING FRANCOPHONE SUMMIT. ACCORDING TO NSEKALIJE, CHIEFS OF STATE HAD GIVEN SENHOR MANDATE ONLY TO "THINK ABOUT" WHETHER AND HOW SUCH A FORCE MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED;

HOWEVER, SENGHOR, BONGO, AND OTHERS HAD GONE AHEAD FULL TILT TO PUT TOGETHER AN AFRICAN MILITARY FORCE FOR DEPLOYMENT IN SHABA. OTHER FRANCOPHONES, LESS FAVORABLE TO FRENCH-INSPIRED PEACE FORCE NOTION, FELT COMPROMISED; AND AT LEAST THREE (HE CITED MALI, BURUNDI, AND ONE OTHER) HAD GONE ON RECORD PUBLICLY OPPOSING NON-MANDATED MOVES BY SENGHOR AND COMPANY.

4. COMMENT: STILL OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO MILITARY GROUPINGS WHICH IT FEARS WOULD DIVIDE AFRICA INTO MODERATE AND RADICAL CAMPS, GOR SEEMS TO HAVE TRIMMED ITS SAILS JUST ENOUGH TO GO ALONG WITH THE ONLY CONCEIVABLE ALL-AFRICAN FORMULA FOR SUCH A FORCE, ONE FLYING THE OAU BANNER AND COMBATting THE ONLY COMMON ENEMY, COLONIALISM. SLIGHT AS IT IS, RWANDA'S SHIFT MAY WELL HAVE BEEN PROVOKED BY ASSERTIVENESS OF SENGHOR AND OTHERS LESS CONCERNED ABOUT NON-ALIGNED CREDENTIALS THAN RWANDA. HOWEVER, GOR CLEARLY UNDER NO ILLUSIONS THAT ANY EVENTUAL OAU FORCE WOULD HAVE SLIGHTEST CHANCE OF REAL PEACE-KEEPING SUCCESS. CRIGLER

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